

## REMARKS

The Examiner is requesting restriction to one of the following disclosed species:

- Species I: Figure 2 (insulating fiber has a circular cross section), and  
Species II: Figure 2A (insulating fiber has a relatively flat cross section).

Applicant hereby elects Species I, Figure 2 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 12, 14-22 encompass the elected species. This election is being made without traverse of the pending requirement for restriction.

If the Examiner is in disagreement with the above, Applicant respectfully requests the benefit of a telephonic interview. If privilege of an interview is granted, the undersigned may be contacted by telephone. Applicant conditionally petitions for any extensions of time to address the possibility that the need for such extension, not accounted for herein, is required. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

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